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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Fazli Erdem

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 December 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-10 and 16-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 11-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 11-15 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 11 recites the limitation "the first angle". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

4. Claims 1-5 and 11-15 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by applicant's prior art admission.

Regarding Claim 1, applicant's admitted prior art of Fig. 1 discloses a liquid crystal display device, comprising: a plurality of liquid crystal cells on a substrate indicated by the dashed line; a plurality of drive lines GL and DL extending along first and second directions and connected to the plurality of liquid crystal cells; a plurality of pads 59, each extending at an angle (a straight angle or a 90 degrees angle) from an edge

of the substrate; and a plurality of corresponding pad lines 58 (specifically two pad lines at the middle portion), each extending at the same angle as the angle (straight angle or a 90 degrees angle) of the corresponding pad and interconnected between each of the plurality of drive lines and pads.

Regarding Claim 2, the device according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of drive lines includes gate lines and data lines as labeled GL and DL

Regarding Claim 3, the device according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of pads extending at the first angle (straight angle or a 90 degrees angle) correspond to a location of the liquid crystal cells to be connected.

Regarding Claim 4, the device according to claim 3, further includes a tape carrier package 55/57 having a signal pad extending at the first angle and electrically contracting the plurality of pads

Regarding Claim 5, the device according to claim 4, further includes a driving circuit 57 mounted on the tape carrier package for supplying the external drive signals

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 11-15 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicant's admitted prior art of Fig. 1 in view of Wildes et al. (US Patent No. 5,951,304).

Regarding Claim 11, Fig. 1 of admitted prior art discloses a liquid crystal display device, comprising: a substrate dashed line; a plurality of orthogonal drive lines GL and DL on the substrate; a plurality of pads 59 extending at a first angle from an edge of the substrate; a plurality of pad lines 58, extending at the first angle and interconnected between each of the plurality of orthogonal drive lines and pads. Fig. 1 fails to show the pad lines extending in an acute angle. However, Wildes et al. disclose a fanout interconnection pad arrays where in Fig. 5, pads 68 extend at an acute angle.

It would have been obvious to one of having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include the acute angle shaped pads in Fig.1 of admitted prior art in order to have a pad layout with better controlled wiring/interconnection structure.

Regarding Claim 12, wherein the plurality of drive lines of Fig. 1 includes gate lines GL and data lines DL.

Regarding Claim 13, the device according to claim 11, wherein the plurality of pads 59 extending at the first angle are disposed at the edge of the substrate

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Regarding Claim 14, the device according to claim 13, further includes a tape carrier package 55/59 having a signal pad extending at the first angle and electrically contacting the plurality of pads.

Regarding Claim 15, the device according to claim 14, further includes a driving circuit 57, mounted on the tape carrier package for supplying external drive signals to the plurality of drive lines

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fazli Erdem whose telephone number is (571) 272-1914. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 8:00 - 5:00.

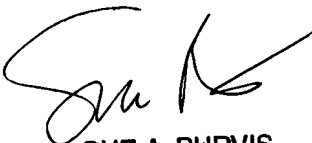
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sue Purvis can be reached on (571) 272-1236. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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